

*Letter of
Registration & Return*

~ March 2009 ~

Greetings unto all who read these letters writ.

This month we had 7 passed Arms (including the Flags of 3 new and redesigned Subdivisions), 1 transferred, 1 returned, and 2 released Arms. Next month promises to be a *very large* LoRR.

For those members of Adria that reside in the newly Chartered Subdivisions of Mid'aen, Roanoke and Cypress, who wish for their Arms to follow them to their new Subdivision, please mail (not email) me a "Letter of Transfer Arms" with an original signature, as described in the January 2009 LoRR.

Finally, at the end of this LoRR, I placed my Report to the March 2009 Imperial Estates. **Please read it**, as part of it pertains to every Subdivision's ranking within the College of Arms.

Please remember that it is the obligation of EVERY Minister of Arms and EVERY Crown (acting [by default] as their Subdivision's Minister of Arms), to submit a Monthly Report. I expect the report by the end of each month. Please send the report to me, at BaronBish@gmail.com.

I pray that you all fare well.

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Sovrano d'Armi Imperialé

Fleur-de-lys King of Arms

Flaming Herald Extraordinary

~ Registered ~

Cambridge

Francesco Gaetano Gréco d'Edessa

BADGE

[Fieldless] a patriarchal cross fleury per pale Argent and Or.

*NOTE: Even though this Badge belongs to me (the current ISoA) personally, even I am not above the registration process. It was registered Locally, Regionally, and now Imperially.

Chesapeake

The Cyredovan

DEVICE - Estate

Azure, an oak tree Argent.

Cullen of the Seekers

DEVICE

Vert, a mullet within and conjoined to an annulet Or.

*NOTE: In the January 2009 LoRR, I confirmed rulings regarding "Pentagrams & Pentacles"; both of those charges referred to 'mulletts voided and interlaced.' This Device (above) has a mullet that is neither interlaced nor voided, hence is passable being '...a mullet...' (as a solid charge) '...within and conjoined to an annulet...'.
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Debra Asgrail

DEVICE

Per pall Azure, Argent and Or.

*NOTE: A very nice, simple device. I like it!

Cyprus [Re-designated Chartered Subdivision]

Cyprus

FLAG - Estate

Or, on a bend sinister between two crescents Or, two crosses potent Sable.

Mid'aen [*New Chartered Subdivision*]

Mid'aen

FLAG - Estate

Argent, on a pile inverted Azure between in chief two horses rampant addorsed, an axe Or.

Roanoke [*New Chartered Subdivision*]

Roanoke

FLAG - Estate

Gules, a crown Or enfiled by a sword Proper, on a chief embattled Or, three Maltase crosses Gules.

*NOTE: The Device for Roanoke is approved (with the Imperial Crown's consent), even though it conflicts with "Tadgh mac Campbell (WORTHY-Adrian Empire): [*Gules, a dragon contourney and on a chief embattled Or, three crosses pattee Gules*]."

The Worthy's heir, (his mundane/medieval mother,) has sent a 'Letter to Conflict.' The Device of Roanoke is intended to do honour to Tadgh mac Campbell, (who was one of that area's founders).

~ Reconsidered on Appeal ~

• NONE •

~ Reblazoned ~

• NONE •

~ Transferred ~

Isle de Mort

DEVICE

Per pale Gules and Sable, a death's head Argent.

*NOTE: With the re-designation of Isle de Mort's charter to Cyprus, Isle de Mort's primary Device is now a protected Device within the College of Arms, as a Historic Estate.

~ Returned ~

Chesapeake

House of the Oak

DEVICE

Argent, in pale two acorns Vert capped Sable.

*NOTE: Having an 'acorn' "capped" of a different tincture (of the main body) is not of a period style. My suggestion is for submitter to decide on one (1) tincture of the charge and resubmit.

~ Released ~

Church of Adria

East Adria Company (Church Guild)

BADGE

Azure, a shakefork inverted fleury Argent.

BADGE

[Fieldless] a shakefork inverted fleury Argent.

College of Arms

Dragon King of Arms

DEVICE

Vert, a cross and in canton a dragon rampant Or.

*NOTE: Several years ago, the Imperial College of Arms updated it's Officer's Devices. This Device was never released and is now considered redundant.

~ Rules & Rulings ~

• NONE •

~ Report to the March 2009 Imperial Estates ~

Greetings unto the Estates General of the Adrian Empire, from the Imperial Sovereign of Arms.

The following is my report, as the Imperial Sovereign of Arms (ISoA), to the March 2009 Imperial Estates:

I. DATABASES

The Imperial College of Arms (CoA) has maintained the following databases:

Imperial Armorials

- Pictorial Armorial (Referenced by: Subdivision)
- Registry of Arms (Referenced by: Submitter [Estate or Name] per Subdivision)

Imperial Ordinary (Referenced by: Heraldic Charge)

II. REPORTS

(A) All Deputy Imperial Sovereigns of Arms & Imperial Heralds are reporting consistently and appropriately.

(B) During (and just previous) to my tenure of Office, the Ministers of Arms of all but five (5) have not submitted continual Monthly Reports. The Subdivisions are Bisqaia, Brandenburg, Burgandy, Cambridge, Carolingia, Cashel, Castilles, Constantinople, Esperance, Gloucester, Isle de Mort, Kincora, Lowenburg, New Exeter, Pembroke, Templemor, Terre Neuve, Umbria & Vingulf.

It is my intent to reduce in Rank each Subdivision's Ministers of Arms, within the College of Arms, who have not consistently reported monthly. That reduction will remain in effect until such time as they have proven to the ISoA that they deserve to have the Rank of Office reinstated. The reduction of a Territorial Minister of Arms Ranking (within the College of Arms) will be judged on a case-by-case basis, for flaws and merits.

For example:

(1) Kingdom is allowed to have a King/Queen of Arms (and their Deputies being Heralds of Arms). But, due to the fact that they have been derelict in their duty (on reporting monthly to their Imperial Counterpart, the ISoA), their Rank within the CoA will be reduced to Herald of Arms (and their Deputies to Pursuivants of Arms);

(2) Duchies & Archduchies are entitled to have Herald of Arms (and their Deputies being Pursuivants of Arms), would be reduced to Pursuivant of Arms (and their Deputies to Clerk of Arms);

(3) Shires are entitled to have Pursuivants of Arms, would lose their Title & Rank altogether and be called <Subdivision Name> Clerk of Arms.

The Office a herald holds within all Subdivisions is "Minister of Arms." An example of the Title & Rank within the College of Arms is "Serpent Herald of Arms" (Chesapeake); "Serpent" being the Title and "Herald of Arms" of the Rank.

From time to time, a Crown that has no person to fill the Office of Minister of Arms, might have to fill the Ministry position themselves; this will be taken into account when determining the reduction of Rank.

III. PROJECTS

(A) **Current Project #1: "Title Equivalents to other languages"**

In an attempt to perpetuate correct usage of titles which we use. We will be compiling lists of standard titles of rank to be used by those having "earned or been granted the appropriate rank or award" in the Adria. "Alternate" titles, which are equivalent titles in different languages, allow those in the Adria with various personae to use titles appropriate to those personae.

(B) **Current Project #2: "Proper Forms of Address"**

Although Imperial Writ #18 documents "What we call Who," a need was found for a 'cheat sheet.' It WILL NOT be, in any way, considered to be a replacement for the Order of Precedence, as outlined in Imperial Writ #18, but a simple way to, (re)educate our members and visitors to Adria, properly address one another, both formal and informal.

(C) **Current Project #3: "ISoA Rulings"**

All rulings made by the ISoA listed in all LoRR's posted to the Adria(n)_Heraldry YahooGroups, will be added as an addendum to the Heraldry Manual, will be an on-going project for inclusion in any future re-write of the Heraldry Manual.

(D) **Project Under Consideration: "Database: Subdivision Only Registry of Arms"**

Requesting all Subdivisions to report on all Arms ONLY registered (and Reserved/Preserved) locally.

(1) This is to ensure that a proper database of "Subdivision (Local) ONLY Registry of Arms" is maintained & preserved, for posterity.

(2) If no Heraldry is submitted by the Subdivisions Minister of Arms (by a date TBA), than the only conclusion that the CoA & the Empire can make is that there are no Subdivision (Local) ONLY Registered Arms AND either all Arms in the Subdivisions have been registered Imperially for registration OR the Subdivisions has no Arms attributed to them.

(3) Additions to these "Registry of Arms" should be reported in the Minister of Arms' monthly report.

(4) A special "Registry of Arms" database will be kept for "Subdivision (Local) ONLY Registered Arms" which will be separate from the Imperial Armorial & Ordinary.

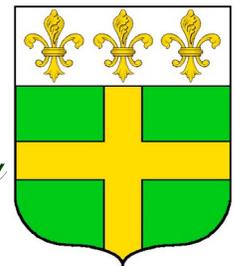
(5) If a submitter wishes to have their Arms registered in the Imperial Armorial & Ordinary, then the normal submissions process must be followed. But, IF after the Arms have been registered in their Subdivision only AND later requests of their Subdivision's Minister of Arms to register their Arms Imperially AND conflicts are then found, restricting the registration Imperially, THEN the date of the submitter's original submission would have no bearing on the date submitted to the Regional ISoA or the ISoA.

Thank you for your time and attention.

I pray that you fare well.



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